CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

February 2025

When: 7 p.m., Feb. 19

Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville

Presenter: John Rieske

Topic: Native American trade tomahawks

February meeting

I would like to speak to the club about pipe tomahawks as trade items and as a type of "currency" from the mid-18th century through the early 19th century by Native Americans and white settlers alike, centering on one particular maker, John Small, who resided in both southern Ohio and southern Indiana. He was a particularly renowned gunsmith and pipe tomahawk maker. I will have an example of one of his better made tomahawks that I own which I will bring to show the club members. - ***John***

January meeting

John Roberts presented a slide show on the 1878 Morgan Dollar patterns, which started out in 1877 as half dollar patterns by George T. Morgan. There were 6 different die marriages and a total of 10 varieties, all of which are proof, and all have Judd numbers. - ***Chris***

January winners

Door Prizes: Steve Barnett (2025 P&D Women in History Quarters-Ida B. Wells); Jim McIntire (1886 Seated dime VF20);Gary Heberline (1973 Canada silver $1 RCMP Centennial NGC SP63); & Geoff Gruendl (2023 Canada 50 cents-PL).

50/50: Stephen Rayburn was the winner taking home $28; he was a repeat winner from the Christmas Party Drawing

Jim gives Steve his winnings -- again

Raffle: The winner of the 2005-S Silver U.S. Mint Proof Set was Garlene Smithson.

February Raffle

The February raffle item is a U.S. 2006-S Silver Proof Set.

Tickets are: $1 each; 6 for $5; 13 for $10. - ***Gary***

Speakers

Spring - Garlene Smithson - Gas station tokens
Undetermined - YN John Barsamian - Denver Mint
Undetermined - Brett Irick - Mexican coins

Speakers are needed for most of 2025. If you're interested in giving a presentation, please contact Steve Petty at spetty@eesgroup.us or Bill Kamb at nfld73hh@gmail.com

Club auction

Send March lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by March. 10.

Secretary's report

In President Stephen Petty's absence, Vice-President Charles Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT (Alexandra Petty): Roger Serrot, substituting for Lexa, advised there were 30 members present with 1 guest, Josie Penn, but he later revised that figure to 31 members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Huffman): Jim gave two reports, which covered transactions in November & December.

Report #1 - As of 11/01/24, the starting bank balance was $7,825.62. After depositing the $7,701.38 check from the OSCS profits, the ending bank balance as of 11/30/24 was $15,527. Petty cash had a starting balance of $471.37. Additions of $7.90 from the November auction, $70 from the 50-50 (total $474./ split $237), and $300 in raffle proceeds, minus a $30 payment for door prizes, brought the ending petty cash

balance to $819.27. The Business Premier Plus balance rose from $40,044.80 to $40,164.80.

Report #2 - The starting bank balance as of 12/01/24 was $15,527. $165 was deposited. Checks of $72.97(Garlene Smithson), $24 (Oakstone-cookies), $2,500 (CONA contribution to Oakstone Academy), $150 (John Roberts - Best Presentation of 2024), $2,522.96 (Heritage Golf Club for Christmas party), $421.65 (Lexa Petty-Xmas party gifts), & $98.15 (Chris Palmer-engraving) left the ending bank balance as of 12/31/24 of $9,901.27. The starting petty cash balance = $819.27. After a payment of $237.00 to Steve Rayburn, whose name was drawn at the Christmas party, the ending petty cash balance was $582.27. The Business Premier Plus account balance again rose, from $40,164.80 to $40,283.79.

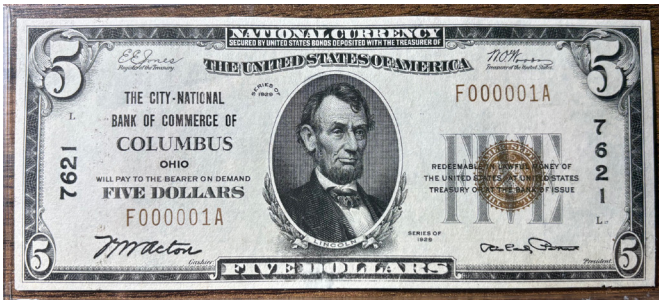
Following presentations of the first and second reports, motions to approve Jim's reports were made, seconded, & his report approved by voice votes of all attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- OSCS (Patty Cass): Although Patty was not present, bourse co-chair, Dan Carroll, advised that Eric Justice of Appraisal Services (who now sponsors the monthly coin show at the Makoy Center in Hilliard) had some leftover books from Erin Brill's collection still available for purchase.
- Membership (Garlene Smithson): Garlene advised that she had been receiving dues monies, but still had about 60 members who have yet to pay their dues. Please see her to pay your dues if you haven't paid.

The meeting was adjourned @9:26 PM -- ***Chris Palmer***

Show & Tell



• John Roberts showed a $5 banknote from Columbus City National Bank of Commerce (No. 1);

• Chris Palmer passed around a 2024-(P) ASE with Star Privy;

Raffle ticket sale winner

Geoff gives Jim Belt his prize of $50 for being a top seller of show raffle tickets.

• Steve Rayburn shared some ANA Challenge coins he received from Tom Uram;

• John Rieske had a 1/4 obol from Helakarnossos (c. 400B.C.), the smallest coin in his collection, with a ram's head on the obverse & the bust of a youth on the reverse;

• Spence Sunderland had a "rare" 2024 nickel... only 30 million minted!

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm..-- ***Chris Palmer***

Hilltop auction

When: Feb. 25, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

Upcoming coin shows

Columbus Coin & Stamp Show
Feb. 16, 2025 10 am -3 pm
3rd Sunday Every Month - 40 Tables
$2.00 Admission 18 and older
CONA members free admission
Makoy Center - 5462 Center St., Hilliard, OH 43026

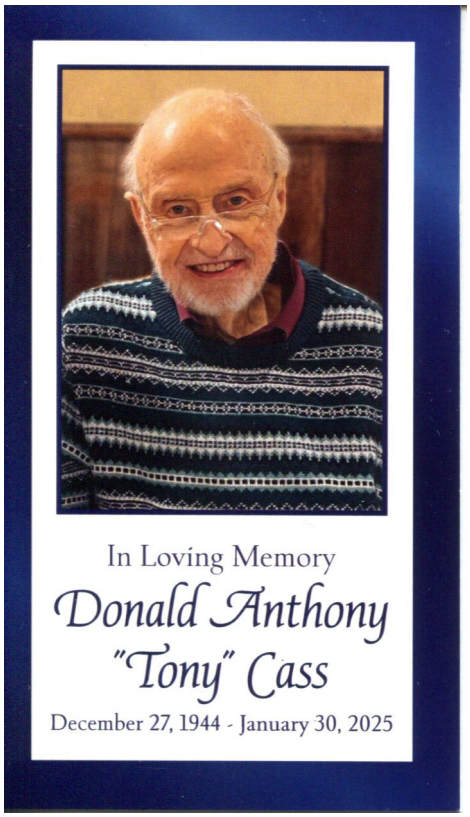
Greenhills Classic Stamp & Coin Show
Feb. 23, 2025 10 am – 4 pm
4th Sunday Every Month.
American Legion Post 530
11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45218

Dayton Kettering Coin Club Annual Show
March 2, 2025 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Advanced Business Properties
1675 Woodman Drive
Dayton, OH 45432
Free admission, Free Parking. Over 40 dealer tables

Firestone Coin Club Annual Show
March 29, 2025. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Maps Air Museum
2260 International Pkwy
North Canton, Oh 44720
Admission $5

In Memoriam

Tony Cass: 1944 - 2025



Our good friend Tony Cass died in late January. He will be missed. Tony was one of those rare people you meet in life that you wish you could be more like. He was cheerful, even in adversity, unfailingly kind and eager to share his knowledge. His booth always had something weird and wonderful that he delighted in telling you about. There was always an education waiting at Tony and Patty's table. -- Gerry

Donald Anthony "Tony" Cass aged 80, passed away surrounded by family on Jan. 30, 2025 at home. He was born on Dec. 27, 1944, in Salem, OR, to Don and Rose Cass. Tony grew up in Beaver City, NE, and was the Senior Class President of the Beaver City High School Class of 1963. Tony was a member of the University of Nebraska ROTC program and was commissioned and served in the Armor Division of the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. He earned the National Defense Service Medal. He returned to the University of Nebraska and graduated in 1972 with a degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Tony worked in Cost Accounting for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, DC. He was then an Auditor for the Office of Child Support Enforcement in Denver and then Supervisory Auditor for the Office of Child Support Enforcement in Columbus. Tony married Patty on Nov. 28, 1987 in Columbus.

Tony was a well-respected coin dealer who was known within the hobby for his willingness to share his expertise through displays, presentations and grading seminars. He was a founding member of the Central Ohio Numismatic Association, and served during his numismatic career as a professional grader for ANACS and a values analyst for Coin World. Tony shared his love for coins, for bridge, for genealogy but especially for his family. Tony and Patty enjoyed traveling, especially around Florida in January, February and March when it was cold in Ohio.

Tony is survived by his wife Patricia Joan "Patty" (Real) Cass of 37 years, his brother Wendel Luis Cass; his daughters Candace Wyant, Tammra Straughter; his step-daughters Rebecca Werth (Brian), Sara Beam (Jeffrey); his grandchildren Zachary Wyant, Quenten Wyant (Danielle), Arianna Wyant, Tierney Wyant, Alexander Straughter (Caroline), Celeste Loper (Nate), Jillian Straughter, Rowan Straughter, Emmerson Straughter, Harper Straughter; his step-grandchildren Liam Seabolt, Kiera Seabolt, Audrey Beam, Charlotte Beam, Louis Beam; and his great-grandchildren Lacey Wyant, Mazie Wyant, Tai'Lani Wyant, Bennett Straughter, Hudson Straughter, Aubrey Loper, Arielle Loper, Alayah Loper, Andrew-James Loper; and many close friends.

Tony is preceded in death by his parents Donald Edward Cass and Alma Rose (Babcock) Cass; and his sister Patricia Jo Ann Cass.

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army.

Remembrances

Tony passed away on January 30 after a heroic battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer. He was diagnosed last Spring after FUN and took chemo until December 18th, when it was obvious that the cancer was winning.

We had an 80th Birthday Celebration for him on December 27th and he had a great time. Our immediate family is 40+, so any Cass Family gathering is a production. We spent all of January trying to get "everything done" and he actually set up at the local Hilliard coin show on January 19th. We all thought we had more time, but God had other plans, and he passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, 11 days later. I ask for your thoughts and prayers for me and for the rest of our family and friends as we deal with this loss. His life was truly one well lived.

My current plan is to continue to manage OSCS 2025 with help from Dan Carroll and the rest of our CONA members.

A Very Special Thank You

On behalf of myself and Tony I want to express our deep thanks and appreciation for the support and prayers that so many of you have provided for us during these very difficult times. Our family was so blessed by the presence of so many CONA friends at Tony's memorial service. It was beautiful and exactly what he wanted. I will come back to meetings when I can and look forward to seeing all of you again.

Very Gratefully,

Patty

There is a large hole in my heart and throughout the numismatic community. Tony Cass has a legacy for us. Always willing to share and help with coins and more, offering true but encouraging advice, insights to things not always noticed and his opinion of the matter. I'm going to miss him and those conversations that helped me and others continue to learn and evolve in our hobby.

I think Tony and I go back to the early/mid 80s, not sure and digital records were not there. Bid boards and gatherings at the coin shop, which ever it was, to watch and protect bids on the closing bid boards. The information centers of the time were, Doug's Coins (Doug Ritchie), Tri-Village Coins (Jim Murry), Graceland Coins, Lazarus, A&B Coins, Lockwood's Coin Shop and Fountain Drugs on Whitter St. (They had a rotating case of foreign coins). There were more but these come to mind right now.

One place had a chemical wasteland in the office bathroom, the dipping, soaking, and bluing processes were all there. We compared, exchanged and offered opinion, whether asked for or not, about coins and collectibles in general. Looking through the latest inventories and buying for our collections.

Tony, I and several still club members were regulars at some of these places. We formed friendships and bonds to the hobby, that have lasted a long time. I say to Patty and Tony thanks for the times we've had and looking to continue the journey in Tony's memory.

Love you Patty and Tony.

Dan Carroll

Tony was both a professional friend and a long-time member of the Columbus Ohio Numismatic Association (CONA). In my mind, his strongest characteristic was his kindness and patience with those with whom he interacted with. He volunteered for many roles in CONA, including setting up and teaching coin grading for club members for years. In our December 18 Christmas Dinner, Tony was awarded our Presidential award for his lifetime of service to CONA. Condolences to his wife Patty Cass.

Tony will be missed by all including CONA and the numismatic community.

Steve Petty